

Community invited to Christmas celebration



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Christmas trees and decorations will be part of this afternoon's community celebration for the holidays.

The community is invited to join Linda Wilcox, owner of Lindsay's Christmas Trees, for an evening of Christmas celebration including homemade soups, sandwiches, hot dogs, cookies and more tonight, Dec. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Santa will arrive at 4 p.m. and community members can enjoy a campfire, along with s'mores, hot chocolate and candy canes and Christmas music during an old-fashioned holiday celebration.

Linda's Christmas Trees is located at the corner of 37th Street and Highway 101, behind 37th Street Laundry.

10th annual Siuslaw Awards seeks nominations

The 10th annual Siuslaw Awards is fast approaching. The awards banquet, sponsored by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place Feb. 7 at the Florence Events Center.

This prestigious event recognizes excellence in the local business community by naming recipients for awards in Excellence in Customer Service, Curb Appeal, Nonprofit Achievement, Community Caring, Innovation in Business and the Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award.

In addition, two outstanding individuals in the community will be honored with the Future First Citizen Award and the

First Citizen Award.

The First Citizen Award recognizes an individual who has given selflessly to the community based on community involvement, leadership and overall community impact.

The Future First Citizen Award recognizes a student based on his or her academic success as well as civic involvement and contributions to the community.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will also recognize an individual or business that has selflessly given of its time and efforts in supporting the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and its efforts with the Distinguished Service Award.

Anyone can choose to nominate their own or another business for the Siuslaw Awards. Applications are available now either at the Florence Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center or online at florencechamber.com.

Nominations for business awards must be submitted to the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce by Friday, Dec. 15.

First Citizen and Future First Citizen nomination forms will be available at area service clubs starting Monday, Dec. 4, and are due back to the Chamber by Jan. 10, 2018.

For more information, call Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128.

PFLAG to hold 'white elephant' party

PFLAG Florence will add some frivolity at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12 with a "White Elephant" gift exchange.

The celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence, located at 1460 9th Street.

"White elephants," loosely defined, are silly, useless or surprisingly good things people

have in their "I'll-never-use-this" drawer. Craft items, canned goods or fun-but-not expensive items not to exceed \$5 in price can also be in the mix.

Participants simply wrap the "white elephant" and have fun as selections are made – and "trading" takes place. For those who can't bring an item, a few extras will be on hand.

The public is invited.

Refreshments will be served.

PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of a national organization with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country's largest organization for parents, families, friends, and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.

Florence Caregiving Support Group meets Dec. 12

Florence Caregiving Support Group is open to anyone who gives or receives care. Organizers hope this group will allow people to connect, discuss caregiving issues, find care providers or consumers, and work toward improving caregiving in Oregon.

This month, the group will view the documentary "Care," which shows the lives of a few

caregivers around the country and their plight.

The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Shorewood meeting room, 1451 Spruce St.

The community is invited to attend and meet members of the group.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Steve at 541-429-2600.

Parks and Recreation seeks comments on rule change about abandoned cemeteries

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is accepting comments on a proposed rule change that would establish a permit to restore, maintain or preserve an abandoned cemetery.

The proposed rules are a result of House Bill 2516, passed during the 2017 session.

The deadline for public comment on the amendments is Jan. 15, 2018.

The proposed rules, developed in consultation with the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, outline the process for entities to apply for permits and permit requirements.

OPRD currently offers a grant program for protection, restoration and education of historic cemeteries.

Information about the grant program is available at www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx#H

istoric_Cemeteries_Grant_Program.

The full text is available online at www.oregon.gov/oprd/RULES/pages/index.aspx.

Comments can be made directly there or in writing to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Attn.: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301; or through e-mail to OPRD.publiccomment@oregon.gov.

They will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Jan. 15.

Anyone wishing to comment in person may attend a public hearing at 6 p.m. Jan. 9 in Salem's North Mall Office Building, 725 Summer Street NE, Room 124A.

After reviewing public comments, agency staff plan to present a final recommended rule for consideration by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission at its February 2018 business meeting.

Deadlines for press releases are Mondays and Thursdays by noon. Email them to:
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